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HMSHOST OPENS DINING FAVORITES AT NORFOLK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

BETHESDA, MD – HMSHost, a world leader in travel dining and shopping, celebrated the grand opening yesterday of popular new food and beverage venues at the Norfolk International Airport. The openings – which include *Starbucks Coffee*, *Phillips Seafood*, *Varsity Grill & Sports Bar*, *UNO Chicago Pizzeria* and *Great American Bagel Bakery & Raceway Café* – follow a seven-year contract extension awarded by the airport in 2007.

“The new facilities have been well-received as evidenced by strong, double-digit revenue growth, which is a testament to HMSHost’s expertise and thorough understanding of those who travel through Norfolk,” said Kenneth Scott, Executive Director, Norfolk International Airport.



Celebrating the grand opening are (from left to right) Peter G. Decker Jr., Chairman, Norfolk Airport Authority Board of Commissioners, Mamie BaCote, Virginia State Delegate, Paul D. Fraim, Mayor, City of Norfolk, Meyera E. Oberndorf, Mayor, City of Virginia Beach, James W. Holley III, Mayor, City of Portsmouth

HMSHost already manages several restaurants and lounges throughout Norfolk International Airport, including *A&W All-American Food*, *The Virginia Nut Company* and *Freshens Yogurt*, *Wolfgang Puck To-Go!*, and *USS Norfolk Lounge*. Whether airport visitors are passing through, or arriving to celebrate and learn about United States history, HMSHost now offers additional modern restaurants to keep Norfolk visitors satisfied.

“We enjoy a wonderful working relationship with the Norfolk Airport Authority and are proud to bring these new and exciting dining options,” said Stephen Douglas, Vice President of Business Development for HMSHost.

New food and beverage concepts at Norfolk International Airport include:

Starbucks Coffee

Starbucks is the leading retailer and roaster of specialty coffee and the world’s most popular coffee brand. Freshly brewed coffee and specialty drinks, assorted juices and a variety of fresh pastries, sandwiches and salads are available to travelers at Norfolk. (Located in Departures Terminal and Concourse B)

Phillips Seafood

A well-known name in seafood, *Phillips* is famous for its award winning crab cakes, beautifully prepared fish and a simple down-to-earth dedication to quality and hospitality. The restaurant has been satisfying customers since its beginnings on Maryland’s Chesapeake Bay in 1916 and offers a full service bar and private banquet room. (Located in Departures Terminal)

Varsity Grill & Sports Bar

Celebrating local college and university sports teams, Varsity Grill & Sports Bar guests can watch news and events on flat screen TVs while enjoying fresh deli sandwiches and salads, appetizers and soups. (Located in Departures Terminal)

UNO Chicago Pizzeria/USS Norfolk

Piping hot pizzas, deli sandwiches, nacho platters, beef and bean chili, assorted fresh pastries and BBQ are offered at this pizzeria with a full service bar. (Located on Concourse A and Departures Terminal)

Great American Bagel Bakery & Raceway Café

In addition to a variety of fresh bagels and different toppings, travelers may also purchase sandwiches made to order and ready to go. (Located on Concourse B)

About HMSHost

HMSHost is world-renowned for creating customized shopping and dining spaces in travel venues. The innovative company operates in more than 100 airport locations around the globe, including 19 of the 20 busiest airports in North America. HMSHost has annual sales in excess of \$2.3 billion and employs more than 28,000 associates worldwide.

A wholly-owned subsidiary of Autogrill S.p.A, HMSHost and the rest of the Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in travel amenities. With sales exceeding €3.9 billion, Autogrill is present in 33 countries with more than 4,800 points of sale in more than 1050 locations (including 163 airports and 689 motorways) where 51,000 employees serve over 840 million customers every year.

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